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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37C.F.R. §1.121) mailed June 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks below. As discussed below, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Notice that the previously filed response was non-compliant with the rules for making amendments at the time the response was filed. Nevertheless, set forth below is a current listing of the claims that reflects the amendment as filed on July 7, 2003.

The current listing claims begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the above-

identified application.

Petition For Extension of Time (2 Pages)

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached: Exhibit 1

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502624, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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